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Young men wear large armlets almost 12 inches (30 cm.) long crocheted of cotton with hanging fringes.

Women wear a bark-cloth girdle, which is wound round the body and under the crotch and looped over, hanging down in front. Feather headdresses of a number of different designs are worn by men on festal occasions. Men tie the prepuce with a firmly wound string and wear a string belt.

Elaborately decorated woven belts with hanging ema feathers are worn for wrestling matches. Bird down is glued on the shoulders, arms, and legs. Body painting is very elaborate, and designs covering the entire body are carefully executed with genipa. Urucú is spread generally, with accents on the cheekbones, the nose, and the upper arm.

TRANSPORTATION

The *Carajá* manufacture elongated dugouts, neatly adapted to landing and freeing their craft among the sandbanks.

MANUFACTURES

Bark cloth.—Bark cloth is made of *Apeiba* bast, soaked, beaten with flat stones, and dried until it becomes very soft and white.

FIGURE 20.—*Carajá* manufactures. *a-d*, Pottery; *e*, wooden scoop. (Redrawn from Ehrenreich, 1891 b, figs. 5 and 14.)

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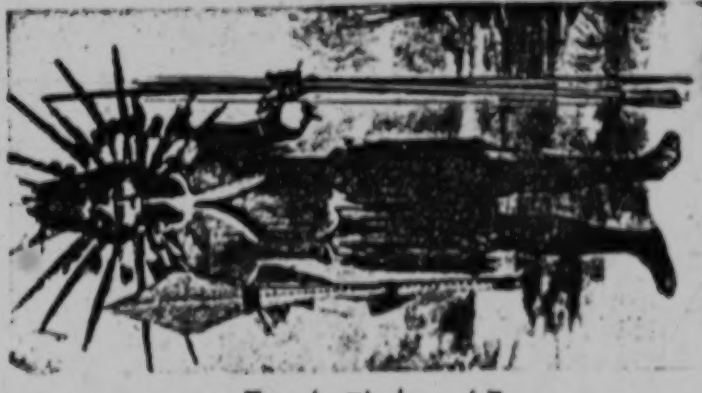

PLATE 21.—Caraja types. (Courtesy University Museum, Philadelphia.)

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237 301 A small rhomboidal base-plate bears two strong feather-covered quills, into which two pairs of Cacicus feathers, standing out fork like, are inserted.

237 292 5. Feather caps in three shapes are used:

a) The simplest (ǧori-ǧori) consist of a wide-meshed plaiting of bast, with feathers tied in the knots. They appear again in the same execution among the Xingu tribes of the Kamayura, Trumai, and Suya, who may have borrowed them from the local Karaya or Aruma.

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Fig. 8. Feather ornament to be worn on the crown of the head.

b) The second type has greater durability and decorativeness. A narrow-meshed cap plaited out of strong palm fibers forms the base for the tying (hatukö). Small yellow and red feathers, fastened rosette-like around a little piece of cane, are tied into the meshes (Pl. IX /see p. 111/, 4).

c) Tightly knitted, narrow-meshed caps, which are covered on the outside with a layer of down feathers. In the examples here the latter are no longer present.

535 237 301 6. The true dance ornament (lurinã) is worn on the back of the head on a string running around the forehead (Pl. IX, 2; cf. Pl. II /see p. 104/, 2). The base is a horseshoe-shaped support. It consists of two layers of palm leaf-ribs bent together and held together by patterned cotton plaiting daubed with white clay. Between these two plates lie short canes arranged next to one

/79 cont./ [Plate VIII. Karaya. (Cont'd.)]

415 285 6. Large, boat-shaped hanging basket with red cross-decorations put on it (1/9).

7. Round gourd container with hanging cord (1/13). Pattern for it, see Fig. 10 /see p. 47/.

8. Double basket for storing feather decorations (1/9).

9. Large, bottle-shaped basket (1/8).

[293] 10. Eyeshade (1/8).

11. Small, expansible bottle-basket (1/8).

[286] 12. Large tobacco pouch with cotton, black-patterned carrying band (1/8).

13. Buriti foot-mat with black bast woof (1/8).

14. Flexible sieve-basket (1/8).

15. Rucksack-like bag (1/8).

16. Round basket for raw cotton (1/8).

17. Large, round carrying-basket with strong carrying-cord of bast (1/8).

Pl. IX. Karaya. Feather Decorations

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1. Helmet-like headdress, probably belonging to 7 (1/6).

2. Horseshoe-shaped headdess to be worn on the back of the head. Edge feathers white. Redarara feathers in the center and on the ends. Cover feathers blue, red, and green mixed (1/6).

3. Cylindrical headdress of thin sticks covered with small yellow and red feathers (1/6).

4. Plaited cap with yellow-red feather rosettes (1/6).

5. Large diadem of white-red feathers (1/6).

6. Everyday diadem of the warrior. A ring covered with red-yellow feathers (1/6).

7. Large, fan-shaped feather decoration, three-quarters closed, probably to be put around the lower part of 1 (1/6).

8 and 9. Festive arm-band made of ounce skin with tufts of feathers (1/8).

10. Ear decorations. Feather rosettes with central shell plates (1/8).

4: Ehrenreich--111 E-5 (1888) 1891 SP9 Caraja SP9

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[For the description and use of feathered ornaments such as caps, helmets, belts, hoops, etc. on festive and ceremonial occasions, see category 301.]

1. Mauzi and Maudihi, with net coverings.

2. Camarada Antonio.

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Plate 18

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Karajá girl in full ornamentation.

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142 The skin is thin and delicate and feels very soft, a regular tropical skin, such as the Whites in the tropics also have. A certain part of this may also be due to the oiling of the skin. The [302] color of the skin is difficult to determine, since the Indians mostly go about painted or even with an over-all coating of oil color. The hot sun, which shines with particular intensity on the sandbanks, burns the parts exposed to it the most, such as upper arms, chest, shoulders, belly, and thighs, so that here the skin is considerably darker (Nos. 26-28 on the Martin Chart, with a touch of violet) than on the protected parts of the body, such as the inner side of the upper arm, etc. (No. 25). The cheeks are strikingly light, mostly /Pl. 37 appears here/ /185/ only No. 21, and among many definitely sallow, yellowish (Nos. 18-19). Whether this is the result of pathological conditions I am unable to say, the phenomenon was frequent, especially among young people and girls. The actual skin-color can be seen only under the cotton bands, especially under the calf bands; here it is No. 17. The palms of the hands (Nos. 13-15) and soles of the feet (Nos. 10-16) are very light, almost as among us. The women [292] often seemed lighter than the men, undoubtedly a result of the fact that they live more in the shadows of the houses and, when they go out, generally put on their net coverings. My Indian rowers, too, in the course of months took on a lighter coloring 826 under the clothing. I did not see albinos. The ideal of the Karajá Indians is a skin as light as possible; they particularly appreciated my white skin color, and they themselves wanted to be entirely white (see the role of the Whites in the legends).

147 A particular body odor is probably characteristic of the Indians; it is rather strong and unpleasant to us. It cannot be [302] said, however, how much of it is due to the rancid oil on the skin and in the hair.

142 The hair. The head hair is generally straight; hair hanging down long, however, if it is not combed out for a long time, becomes wavy in the case of men and women (Pl. 17; 36; 42, [302] Ills. 1 and 3). If it is freshly combed and oiled, it hangs down smooth naturally. The formation of curls is relatively frequent; among men I observed it ten times; among women, on the

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Ill. 33.
Eye-shade made of palm leaves.

Ill. 34.
Manner of wearing the eye-shade. Drawn from a photograph.

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Ill. 35.
Open cylindrical hat:
a) from the side;
b) from below.

Ill. 36.
Ring-shaped eye-shade: a) from above: b) from the side.

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291 The bands are worn in the following manner: one end is held against the small of the back, then the band is wound around the body and the long end is twisted with the short end; in this way the belt is secured. The long end is drawn between the legs and twisted into a roll and is then drawn in its full width from below through the belt in front and falls down over it in front. This end is now worn either hanging down to the knee or to the ground, or else it is again drawn between the legs, this time, however, in its full width, and is pulled up in back, a procedure which is used particularly when the women wish to sit down (Pl. 12, Ill. 4; Pl. 16; 17; 42).

292 Besides this clothing worn constantly, there are a few articles of clothing worn only temporarily for special purposes. These are the following:

293 The eye-shade (õ(õ)dí, õdjí). It is worn only by the male sex. [287] The original form of this protection is probably to be seen in the bast band (Ill. 32) which the Indians sometimes wrapped around their hair (in cases of death, in sickness). The true eye-shade [824] consists of an oaguassu /babassu/ palm leaf, the pinnae of which are plaited together. In the simplest form, the ends of these 291 pinnae jut out free at the top (Ills. 33 and 34). This eye-shade 293 has passed through a development up to the complete hat: the 285 upper pinnae ends are likewise plaited, and to be sure, into a cylinder open at the top (Ill. 35). Among the Sambioá, Ehrenreich observed such a cylindrical hat (tašã), which was already /208/ closed at the top by plaiting (Berlin 3904). This final form was not represented among the Karajá; on the other hand, they had two other forms: first, a ring-shaped, wide-brimmed eye-shade plaited out of bast, with a stiff brim and a chin cord (Ill. 36), and then regular hats of plaited bast strips which are sewed together spirally (Pl. 43, Ill. 3). The method of plaiting these [1097] strips is purely Indian, but the shape of the hats probably goes back to Brazilian influence, as the name (šãpẽo, Braz. chapeo) 292 shows. These eye-shades and hats are worn as a protection from 293 the sun and only by married men; I only rarely saw any, however.

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292 The net covering [rĩ(ĩ)ŏ̃, rĩŭ̃], on the other hand, is worn by both sexes at all ages. It is knotted of cotton threads and has the shape of a hammock, the two ends of which are each tied together, but lack the cords for hanging it up. The net coverings of the Karajá are of a solid color; the original white color gradually becomes a dirty yellowish-brown with use. Patterned coverings come from the Šavajé or Tapirapé. They are worn for protection against mosquitoes, against sunburn, against the dew of the night, whether the Indians stand, lie, or sit. The manner of wearing them differs: either one end is pulled over the head so that the covering falls down the back (Pl. 12, Ill. 1), or the covering is wrapped around the shoulders so that the two ends fall down in front (Pl. 9, Ill. 1; Pl. 42, Ill. 1). At night they serve [513] as coverings: the feet of the drawn-up legs, in the side or back position, are stuck into one end, the head into the other end, so that the covering protects the body lying beneath it from mosquitoes and dew. Thus, they are not used as an underlayer, as Ehrenreich says, but as coverings. Small net coverings hung on strings as [854] [114] cradles for infants, such as Ehrenreich mentions, I did not see anywhere, despite the fact that I visited almost all the huts (1).

1. See, however, Šavajé, small net covering /see pp. 314 -315/.

[287] Small plaited mats of bast are worn by pregnant women before and after birth, and, to be sure, in such a way that they are wrapped around the body from the back and held together in front with the hands (Pl. 42, Ills. 2, 3). They serve as a protection against wind and rain. Above all, women with nursing babies take such mats with them when they go out, so as to be able to protect the child and themselves to some extent in a sudden downpour.

834 I should like to add a very few words here about the Indians' feeling of modesty. As far as the men are concerned, I should [197] like to refer to my remarks above about the purpose of the penis cord /see p. 88/; the question is, however, whether the explanation given by the Indians does not go back to Brazilian influence.

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1. Women's clothing and hair style.

2. Karajá women and children.

3. Karajá women and children.

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1. Youth in typical attire.

2. Boy with close-cropped hair and hair-wreath.

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3. Karajá men with straw hat and tobacco pipe.

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1. Karajá youths.

2. Karajá youth and boy.

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184 5. Clothing and ornamentation. In clothing, ornamentation, and body care no essential difference from the Karajá is to be noted.

[301] The men wear the hip cord and penis cord in the same
292 manner as the Karajá. Eye shades were not observed. Net coverings were worn by both sexes; they are made by the Šavajé

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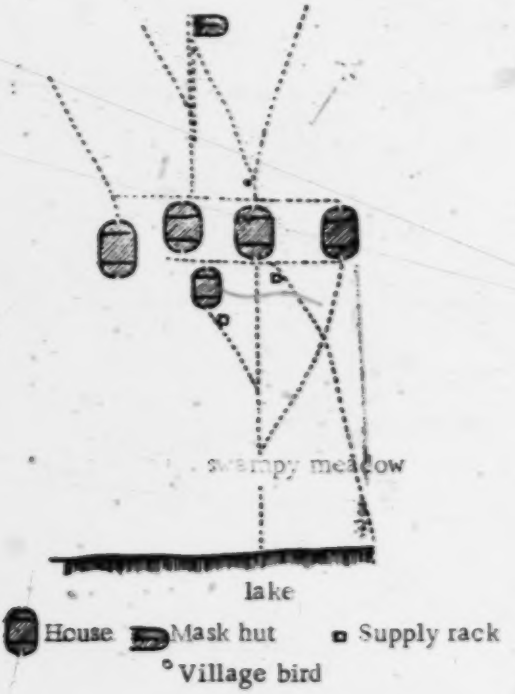

Ill. 188.
Ground plan of the village of the
Šavajé on Bananal.

292 themselves. The manner /355/ of knotting is the same as among the Karaja. Ill. 3 in Plate 59 shows a net covering only 24 centimeters long, which is knotted in the manner of the loose belts
[854] of the girls. Apparently it serves as a bed for a newborn child. Occasionally the brown warp threads of the coverings were shot through with white threads; on the basis of inquiries among the

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292 Karajá, the Šavajé are supposed to make such coverings, whereas the coverings with a wide, black center stripe come, not from the Šavajé, but from the Tapirapé.

184 [301] Even the smallest girls already wore firmly plaited, black belts which correspond to those of the Karajá. I did not see anywhere the loosely plaited string belts (Karajá, Ills., 30 and 31).

[291] Adult women wore the bast apron, called hăbĭodă here, made mostly out of white and only rarely of reddish bast.

303 184 [302] The hair style does not show anything that is foreign to the Karajá. The combs are plaited by the men in the same manner as among the Karajá. Forms and designs correspond to the others; the decorating by means of feather clusters or bundles of cotton is rare, however.

[304] The side cross-threads are also often absent.

302 184 Body painting is identical with that of the Karajá. As oil, coconut oil is used; as color, chiefly urucú, which, with the seeds removed, is stored in huge hollow gourds.

Ill. 189 a, b.
Scarifier (b = back side).

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Ill. 190.
Ear rod.

304 Scarification is also customary among the Šavajé. The instrument for it (lālēdjŭ; Ill. 189), however, is covered with a thin coating of wax on the entire back side (cf. Ehrenreich's specimens, Berlin 3953 a b, from the Karajá).

515 As for body care, it should be remarked that the Šavajé go to bathe in the lake every morning at sunrise, even when there is heavy fog over the water and it is very cold. They then warm and dry themselves at the hearth fire in the hut.

6:Cook M-3,4 (ca. 1900) 1909
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"Monkey."
"What are you going to do with him?"
"Eat him—me like him much." [224]
"How did you catch him?"
"Me shoot him with an arrow."

Continuing our voyage at dawn, we encountered before 609
noon another cluster of Karayá huts on a sand island. Before [361]
we could get to shore, the natives ran out into the water [439]
to meet us, and surrounding our canoes, eagerly offered us balls of black beeswax and pottery in trade for what they supposed we had. It was amusing to see a Karayá couple trying to make a trade with our only woman voyager for a man's gauze undershirt. I could not but think of how the poor savage would appear with only that shirt on. He wanted it, [291] he motioned, to shield himself from the cold at night, and from the flies by day.

We passed the next night at another group of huts on [361] the sand. These Karayá who were very cordial, were expecting us for the news of our approach had preceded us; so they gave us a royal welcome. The *mayor of the city*— [622] the chief of the local horde—appeared arrayed in a complete [292] suit of civilian's clothes, consisting of white linen trousers and vest, black coat and hat. These he wore merely as decorations, not as a covering, for these people consider themselves fully and properly dressed without any such apparel. It was a remarkable sight indeed to us to descry in the gloaming, as we approached the land, what appeared to be a well-dressed representative of advanced civilization entirely alone in a remote, howling wilderness, surrounded by nude and painted savages. He had obtained these garments somewhere from a trading boat. We were escorted in state to a large hut [526] where were assembled all the human inhabitants of the island; and after the reception, we witnessed the wrestling game of which the Karayá are very fond, which will be described fully in future pages.

The same night, as I was sleeping soundly in the open 123 air in my hammock, which was swung between two stakes

6:Cook M-3,4 (ca. 1900) 1909
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301 [286] fancy. Sometimes, however, these ornaments are woven on a wooden form.

292 513 Another article of dress, which is peculiar to the Karayá, is the *hammock*. It is made of cotton cords. Strange to say, it is never used as a hammock; nor can it even be swung up, as it is not provided with any cords for this purpose. It is only the body of a hammock. During the day, it is used as a kind of cloak, and is hooked over the head so as to cover the shoulders and back; and at night, it is used as a mat to sleep upon, *on the ground*. Both adults and children may be seen going about during the day with these huge, half-open-pea-pod like objects hooked over them. It reminds one of a snail with its shell on its back. Even clay dolls have this [854] hammock cloak. It is, however, occasionally fastened up like a hammock in order that it may be used as a cradle for an infant.

513 171 This *hammock* is of great ethnological interest, because the primitive races of Brazil are classified ethnographically according to whether they sleep in a hammock or do not. It is [352] known that all the tribes occupying the eastern half of Brazil, which includes the Karayá, sleep on the ground, or on slightly raised platforms made of poles; while those that are really hammock using tribes—that sleep in hammocks—make their hammocks of cordage twisted from cotton and palm-leaf fibre. But the Karayá *hammock* is made of cotton only; moreover, it is not a complete hammock and is not used to sleep in. This proves that the Karayá are not to be classified as one [177] of the hammock tribes. We are to understand, therefore, that they got the idea of the hammock comparatively recently from some other people, probably from the "civilized" Brazilians, who make them of cotton only; and though they value them, they are yet unwilling to give up their old custom of sleeping on the ground. A certain Brazilian explorer asserts that [286] he taught the Karayá to make a simple loom and how to weave.

293 Another article of dress used by the Karayá, is a kind of eye-shade, called an eye-umbrella. It is used to protect the

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[For a description of the special dress used in the Arawaña or fish dance, see category 535.]